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Jacob McDonnel Farmstead
Lewistown vicinity
Private

Ca. 1850-1858

The Jacob McDonnel Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a two-story brick dwelling erected about 1850-58 with a central cross gable and a brownstone foundation, with a stone summer kitchen or slave house, possibly built prior to 1850, and a stone smokehouse of about the same date as the main house, with several agricultural outbuildings forming a unit located around the side lawn of the house. The farmstead is a good example of the planning of a complex in relation to the existing road and the domestic group of buildings, with the south side of the house and its lawn as the center of activity and access. The formal entrance to the house is set off by the cast iron fence. Although the bank barn has been replaced and many of the agricultural buildings forming the frame around the lawn are non-contributing modern constructions, a frame equipment shed and a wagon shed/corn crib remain from the earlier period of its development. The architecture of the house and the stone outbuildings are good representatives of their types and period. The stone summer kitchen may reveal further information about its use through continued research.

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Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse

Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies

Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

Description 7.2 (Continued)

Smokehouse: The stone smokehouse is located northeast of the rear wing of the dwelling. Built about the same time as the house, it has brownstone walls with whitewash. A vertical board door is located in the southwest gable end below vertical sided gable walls. The door has strap hinges. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. The estimated date of construction is based on its orientation to the dwelling and the similar character of the stonework on the house foundation and the smokehouse walls.

Agricultural outbuildings:

Equipment shed: The frame shed is one of a group of linked agricultural buildings forming a border around the open lawn south of the house. The shed is at the southeast corner of the group and has vertical board siding and a standing seam roof. Some tongue-and-groove siding is also apparent on the structure. The adjoining buildings are non-contributing. The shed appears to have been built about 1900, based on its materials and design.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed/corn crib is located at the southwest corner of the agricultural group around the lawn and is adjacent to Old Frederick Road on its west side. Built about 1900, it has vertical board siding and a standing seam roof with double cribs flanking the drive area. Behind the shed to the south is the location of the original barn, which has been replaced by a modern concrete block and metal building. Wagon sheds of this design are known to have been built in many farmsteads from the period 1875 through about 1915 and are shown in farm building catalogs of the period.

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF
HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Magi No.

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Jacob McDonnell Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 11605 Old Frederick Road not for publicationcity, town Lewistown x vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u>x</u> occupied	<u>x</u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u>x</u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u>x</u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u>x</u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u>x</u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Martin L. Poole

street & number 11605 Old Frederick Road telephone no.:

city, town Thurmont state and zip code Md. 21788

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 599

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 438

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title James Survey of Frederick County F-4-12

date C. 1968 federal x state county local

pository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. F-3-70

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 5

The Jacob McDonnel Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a circa 1850-58 brick dwelling with a stone summer kitchen, possibly built prior to 1850, and a stone smokehouse probably contemporary with the house, and agricultural buildings mostly of the mid-20th century which are non-contributing, except a frame equipment shed and a frame wagon shed/corn crib, both of which appear to date from about 1900. The farmstead is located on the east side of Old Frederick Road at the northeast corner of the intersection of Shryock Road near Lewistown, Frederick County, Maryland. The house's principal elevation faces west and the domestic outbuildings are arranged north and northeast of the house. The agricultural buildings form an approximate L-shape around an open lawn south of the house.

The dwelling, dated by land records and exterior architectural style, is a two-story building with a five-bay west elevation. The walls are 10:1 American bond and a cross gable breaks the cornice line above the center bay. A one-story porch shelters the center three bays of the facade. The porch has turned columns and a concrete deck. The window and door openings have segmental arches and the cross gable has a Gothic arched window. The sash is 1/1 replacement and the main door has a single light transom above a glazed panel door. The roof is standing seam metal with interior end chimneys and a wood cornice. The foundation is brownstone, with concrete facing applied during the mid-20th century. At the southwest corner, stone quoin has been left exposed, apparently to show an inscription, but the letters are illegible. The house has a two-story rear wing with an integral two-level porch on the south side. A late 19th century cast iron fence rims the property along the edge of Old Frederick Road. The interior was inaccessible for this survey.

Domestic outbuildings:

Summer kitchen: The stone summer kitchen is located north of the brick dwelling. It has two stories and a gable roof covered with standing seam metal. An integral stone chimney rises at the east gable end. The south and west elevations have a german siding exterior, partially missing, and the north elevation is extended into a shed addition with corrugated metal siding. The south elevation has a vertical board door and the remains of a 6/6 window on the first story. The upper level had two windows of six lights each. The interior is deteriorated and filled with debris; however, the 1968 inventory form on the property noted a simple chair rail, a segmental arched fireplace opening, and a beaded batten door with strap hinges into the shed on the north side, described as a "cell". The house may have been built prior to 1850, perhaps a slave house, and later continued to serve as slave housing or as a summer kitchen after the construction of the brick house. The date is estimated by the architectural features noted in this survey and in the 1968 inventory form.

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8. Significance

Survey No. F-3-70

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1850-1858 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Jacob McDonnel Farmstead is a fair example of the farmstead of the mid-19th century and its planning in response to the main road on its west side. The arrangement of the buildings is oriented toward the road and is tightly organized around the domestic group and the open space on its south side. The south elevation of the wing with its porch facing the lawn and the agricultural buildings is clearly the center of daily working life, with the formal entrance to the house indicated by the cast iron fence. Architecturally, the dwelling is a fair example of the vernacular style of the late 1850's and the stone summer kitchen or slave quarters and the smokehouse are good examples of their types. The plan of the kitchen building and its use at different periods is unclear, but should be more fully searched. The farmstead was probably established by Jacob McDonnel (or McDaniel), who purchased the property in 1857. The spelling McDonnel appears in the land records; however, McDaniel is the name cited in Williams & McKinsey's History of Frederick County (1910) in a biographical sketch of J. Frederick Putman, the owner in the late 1890's. A 1910 deed noted that the location of the present Shryock Road was changed in that year from the north side of Hunting Creek to the south side "so as to extend from the state road from Lewistown to Creagerstown (now Old Frederick Road) to what was formerly known as Myers Ford." This relocation effectively framed the farmstead between Hunting Creek and Shryock Road, with the bulk of the farm property located south of Shryock Road.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-3-70

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.

Land Records of Frederick County

Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprinted Regional Publishing Co., 1979, p. 999.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3 acresQuadrangle name Woodsboro, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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B

Zone	Easting				Northing				

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 3 acres centered on the brick dwelling at the northeast corner of Shryock Road and Old Frederick Road on Tax Map 33, Parcel 27.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date September 1992street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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~~Springfield Farm~~ 11605 Old Fred Rd.

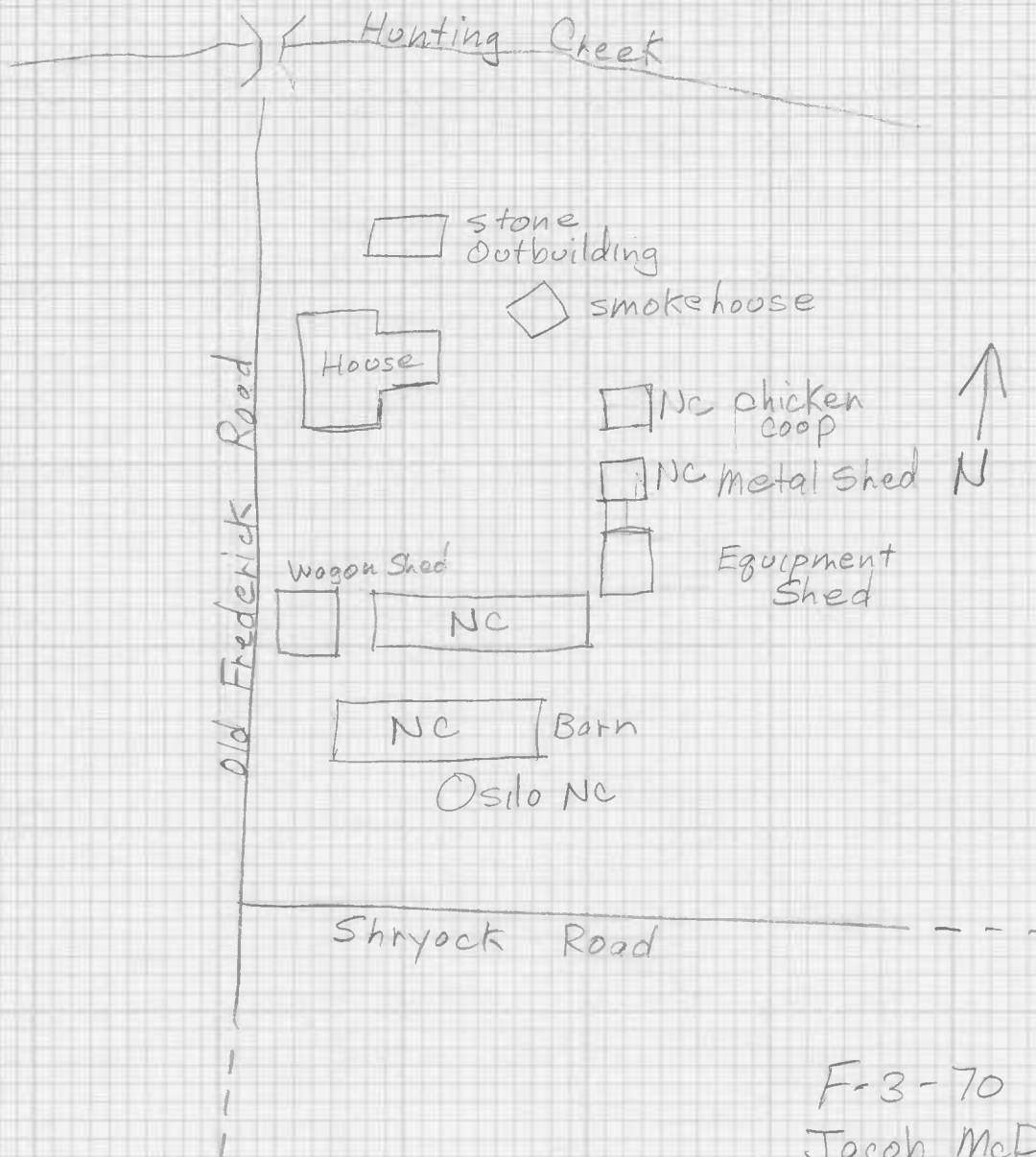
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469/47 24 Jan 48	Charles H. Wenzel et al	Charles H. Wenzel	retained life estate in 2 rooms in residence on lot		
397/304 23 Mar 35	Charles H. & Mary Wenzel	Elsie M. Stevens et al, exec. of last will & test. of Harman L. Gauer, dec.	"Derr Farm" 149 A. Deed from Harman L. Gauer to Co. Comm. 20 Apr 10 322/564 changed road location from north side to south side of Hunting Creek so as to extend from public ^{state} road from Levinstown to Creagestown to what was formerly known as Myers Ford.		
STH 265/439 31 Mar 04	Harman L. Gauer	Mary E. & Cornelius E. Derr #5000 150 A.			
DHH 11/95 30 Mar 01	Mary E. & Cornelius Derr	J. F. Putman & inf	115 A. + 35 A. #5000 JLJ 1/250 JLJ 1/16/422 P.1 P.2		
JLJ 16/422 27 Aug 1891 P.2	J. Frederick Putman (Jacob F. Putman)	George W. Myers	"Third Dividend" #800 and part of "White Hall"		
JLJ 1/250 P.1 25 Feb 1892	J. F. Putman	George W. Myers & John H. Putman, trustees	115 A. TG 5 12 Mar 1876	\$3,000	

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11605 Old Fred. Rd. P. 2

LIBER/FO O	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
TG 5 / 440 22 Mar 1816	John Putman	Jacob & Mary McDonnell	115 A. part of the Cramer farm 2 tracts 58 A. & 57 A.	\$3750 Michael Jacobs to Jacob McDonnell (no deed ref)	
ES 10/572 23 Feb 1851	Jacob McDonnell	Ephraim Myers & Wm. Myers, exors. of David Myers, dec. et al	"Third Dividend" 58 A.	\$1100	
WBT 12/574 26 Aug 1850	David Myers	Peter & Lucy Cramer	"Third Dividend" "White Hall"	\$1600	

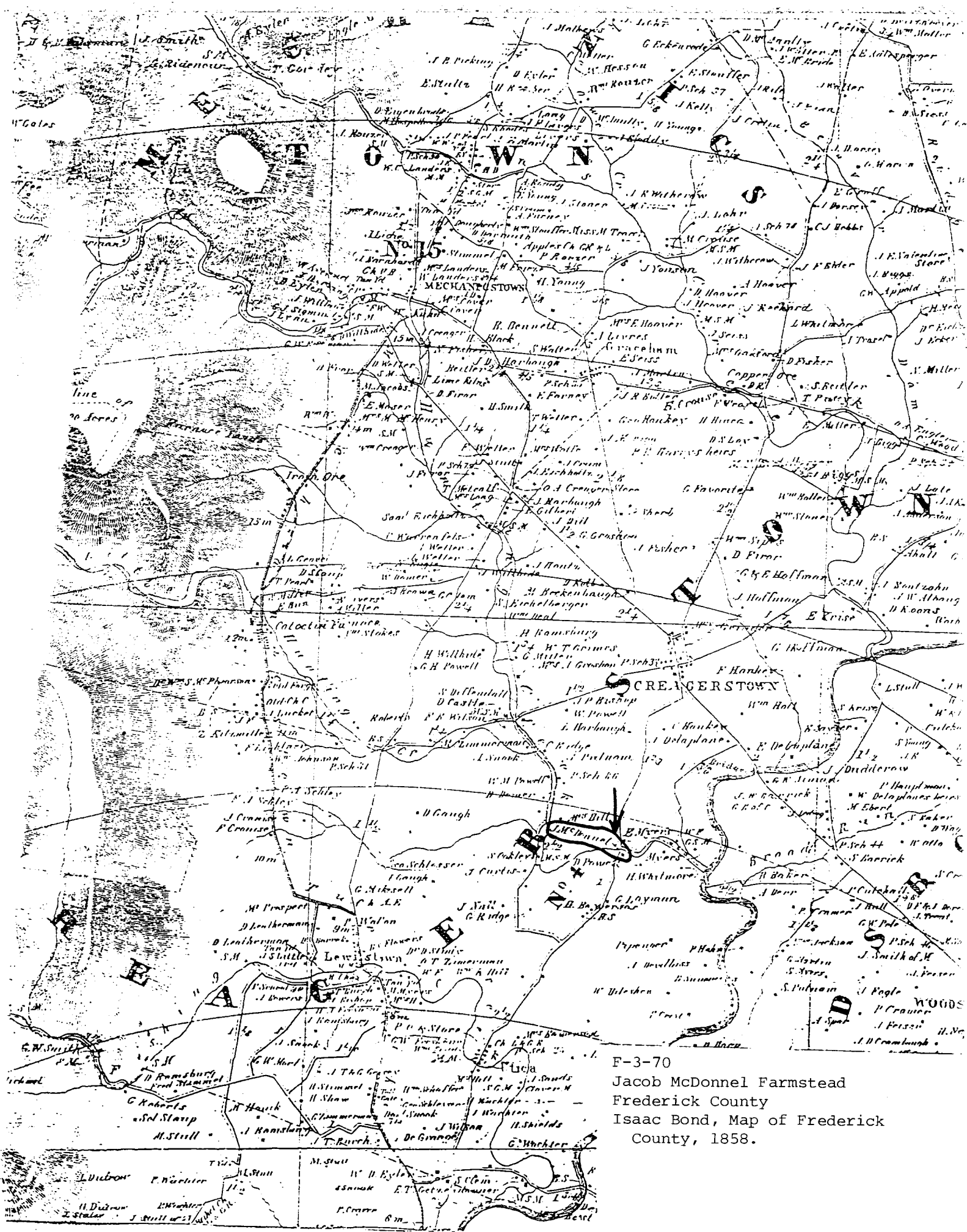
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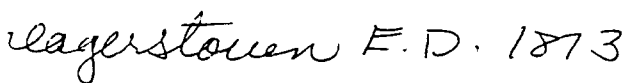
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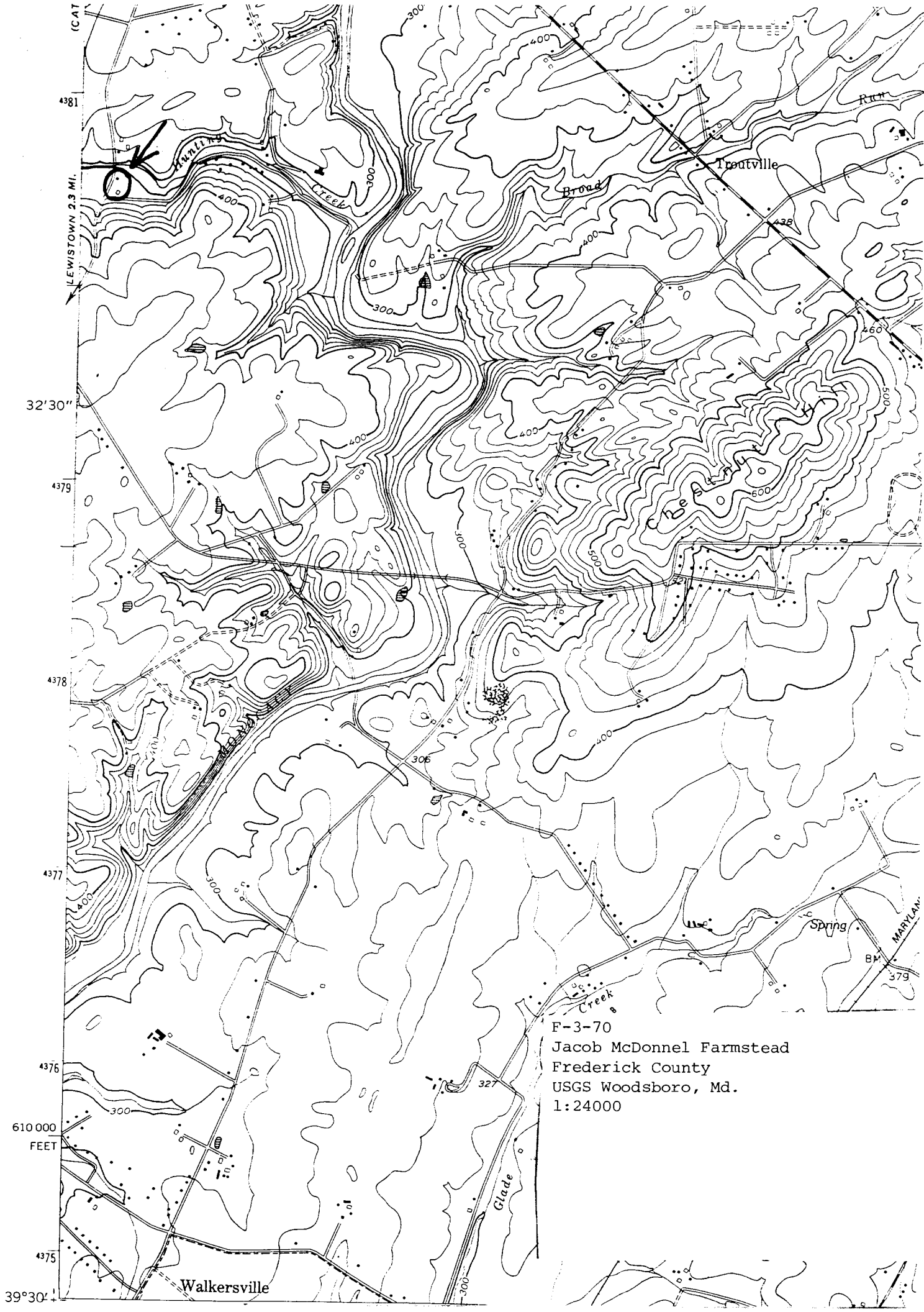
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Jacob McDonnell Farmstead
Frederick County
Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
County, 1858.



C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
County, 1873.





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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

West elevation

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Jacob McDonnell Formstead

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Southeast corner view

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Summer Kitchen, south elevation

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md
Smokehouse, northeast corner view

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Neg. loc.: Md. 54 PO. Crownsville, Md

Wagon shed/corn crib, north elevation

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